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Docket No. 217395US25CIP
IN RE APPLICATION OF: Ernesto E. BLANCO
SERIAL NO: 10/092,560
FILED: March 8, 2002
FOR: SAFETY TROCAR WITH PROGRESSIVE CUTTING TIP GUARDS AND GAS JET TISSUE DEFLECTOR

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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

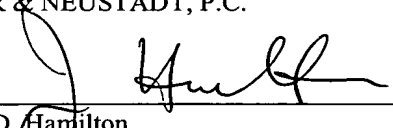
- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☐ Additional documents filed herewith:

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
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INDEPENDENT	60	MINUS	58	2	x \$88 =	\$176.00
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		TOTAL				\$106.00

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application,
without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 53 of this paper.

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